

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Fig. 14 replacing the original sheet of the Figure. Fig. 14 has been labeled as -- PRIOR ART --.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application in view of the foregoing amendment and following remarks.

Objections

It is indicated in the Office Action that the title of the invention is not descriptive, and Fig. 14 should be designated by legend such as -- Prior Art --.

In response, the title has been amended, and Fig. 14 has been labeled as -- Prior Art -- as indicated above.

Applicant respectfully requests that these objections be withdrawn.

Status of the Claims

Claims 1-18 are pending in this application, among which claims 1, 8, 13 and 16 are independent. All of the pending claims stand rejected.

By this amendment, claims 2 and 7-16 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 1, 3, 6, 17 and 18 are amended. New claim 19 is added. No new matter has been added by this amendment.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §§101 and 112

Claims 17 and 18 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 indicating that the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. Claim 3 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite.

Claims 17 and 18 have been amended as shown above by reciting a computer readable storage medium. Also, claim 3 has been amended to further clarify the invention as shown above.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of claims 3, 17 and 18 under 35 U.S.C. §§101 and 112 is respectfully requested.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §§102 and 103

Claims 1, 3-5, 13, 15, 17 and 18 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by EP1271404A2 to Nakami ("Nakami"). Claims 2, 5, 8-12, 14 and 16 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Nakami in further view of Examiners Official Notice. Claims 6 and 7 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Nakami in further view of U.S. Patent No. 6,816,193 to Kohashi et al. ("Kohashi").

As indicated above, claims 13 and 15 have been cancelled rendering the rejections directed to these claims moot.

Independent claim 1 has been amended for further clarification. One of the aspects of the present invention as featured in claim 1 as amended automatically selects signal processing to be used from among the plurality of types of signal processing based upon attribute information other than information derived from the digital image data, contained in the file. Amended claim 1 further recites, *inter alia*, that signal processing of the plurality of types in the converting process includes high-frequency emphasis processing for causing a high-frequency emphasis signal to act upon a luminance signal that has been obtained by conversion from the digital image data, and the high-frequency emphasis signal is obtained by either first processing for generating a high-frequency emphasis signal using color signals of all colors included in the digital image data, or second processing for generating a high-frequency emphasis signal using a

color signal of a specific color included in the digital image data, and either the first processing or the second processing is selected in the selecting process.

Applicant notes that the Office Action indicates that Nakami fails to teach the above described characteristics of the present invention. See, e.g., page 15 through page 16 of the Office Action. Kohashi is then cited as disclosing that using a luminance for all the colors and/or the luminance of a specific color for high frequency is well known in the art. The Office Action cites col. 1, lines 11-23 of Kohashi.

However, as Applicant understands it, Kohashi selects one of the processes based on information derived from image data to be processed, such as “color information by each pixel signal of image signals”, “an average color information of a whole image”, and “an average color information of one whole frame from specific sampling data of image signals”. In other words, Kohashi fails to teach or suggest selecting one of the processes based on attribute information other than information derived from the digital image data, contained in the file, as required by amended claim 1. Examples of such attribute information contained in the file includes “product information specifying an apparatus that is the source of generation of the file”, “color-filter information specifying a color filter used by an image sensing device in the apparatus that is the source of generation of the file”, and “an extension of the file.”

Accordingly, amended claim 1 is believed neither anticipated by nor rendered obvious in view of the cited references (i.e., Nakami and Kohashi), either taken alone or in combination, for at least the reasons discussed above.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) is respectfully requested.

Applicant has chosen in the interest of expediting prosecution of this patent application to distinguish the cited documents from the pending claims as set forth above. However, these statements should not be regarded in any way as admissions that the cited documents are, in fact, prior art. Also, Applicant has not individually addressed the rejections of the dependent claims because Applicants submit that the independent claim (i.e., claim 1) from which they respectively depend is in condition for allowance as set forth above. Applicant however reserves the right to address such rejections of the dependent claims should such be necessary.

New claim 19 has been added to recite the claimed invention in an alternative manner. Specifically, added claim 19 recites similar features to amended claim 1 as discussed above, e.g., automatically selecting signal processing to be used from among the plurality of types of signal processing based upon attribute information other than information derived from the digital image data, contained in the file. New claim 19 is accordingly believed allowable for at least the similar reasons discussed above for claim 1.

Applicant believe that the application as amended including the new claim is in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

AUTHORIZATION

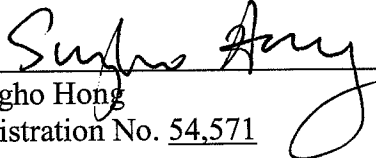
A petition for a one-month extension of time along with the associated fee is enclosed, extending the date for responding until October 9, 2007 (as October 7, 2007 falls on Sunday and October 8, 2007 falls on a national holiday). Should an additional extension of time be required to render this paper timely filed, such extension is hereby petitioned and the Commissioner is authorized to charge any other fees necessitated by this Amendment, or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 13-4500 (Order No. 1232-5348). A DUPLICATE COPY OF THIS SHEET IS ENCLOSED.

An early and favorable examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

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